

SRRT AC II
2005 ALA Annual meeting, Chicago

Present: Marie Jones, Mary Sue Brown, Jonathan Betz-Zall, Lauren Ray, Laura Koltutsky, Mark Rosenzweig, Dana Lubow, Tom Twiss, Lucas Hill, Alison Lewis, Jennifer Downey, John Gehner, Kim Edson, Katharine Phenix, Al Kagan, Aureole Johnstone, K.R. Roberto, Jane Glasby, Terry Epperson

Budget issue

KR Roberto has not been reimbursed for Annual 2004's Free Speech Buffet.

Aureole Johnstone moves to allocate \$2758.45 from this year's budget for reimbursement.

Marie Jones seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Task Force Reports

ARTF: Anti-Racism Taskforce

Jon distributes a statement of goals for the proposed taskforce and gives background for the need for such work. Some discussion of the process for creating a taskforce ensues.

Al Kagan moves that we grant this new taskforce provisional status.

Aureole Johnstone seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

IPPI: Information Policy in the Public Interest

Mark Rosenzweig moves that the taskforce shifts from provisional status into full status.

The taskforce conducted a successful program at this conference. The taskforce is reminded that it must have a formal meeting at least once every two years, and that it therefore must meet at Midwinter.

Al Kagan seconds the motion to make IPPI a permanent taskforce.

Motion carries unanimously.

AIP: Alternatives in Publication

Rory Litwin reports on the "slow meltdown" of AIP, and efforts to continue. The Free Speech Buffet will take place here in Chicago, but the Eubanks award, Alternative Publishers of Books in North America project, and any other programs need an infusion of volunteers.

HHP: Hunger Homelessness and Poverty

Roughly 17 people are participating in this taskforce, which is working on a variety of publishing and outreach projects.

Taskforce on the Environment

Had one program at this conference; have been working on "Libraries Build Sustainable Communities"

Feminist Task Force

Had three meetings at the conference, and one program. The listerv, which is moderated, has approximately 850 subscribers. *Women in Libraries* will become an electronic serial publication. FTF needs volunteers for leadership positions within the organization. The Amelia Bloomer Award program is extremely successful, and dissemination of the award list is growing. The Award committee is looking into having medallions made for their award-winners.

IRTF: International Responsibilities Taskforce

Had a successful program at this conference. Their resolution on Iraq passed overwhelmingly at the ALA Membership meeting, and will now go to Council. Their website is in the process of moving to the libr.org website. Have plans for future programs and possible collaboration. LuJuan Pringle will chair; Al Kagan will co-chair.

Liaison report: Washington Library Association SRRT

The group is gaining new members and are doing new programs with outreach organizations.

SRRT Listserv

Mention of the FTF listserv being moderated brought up the idea of a moderated SRRT list. The lively discussion surrounding this topic resulted in a motion to add language to the "Welcome" message sent to all new subscribers to the list.

Mark Rosenzweig moves for the welcome message to say, in essence, that individuals should not respond to abusive language or baiting behavior on the list, as it only encourages further abuse. This language is to be further refined by Action Council members at a later date.

Aureole Johnstone seconds.

Motion passes unanimously.

Rory suggests that it is a simple matter to make replies go to the sender rather than to the list as a whole, and that might also help reduce unwanted replies.

Marie Jones moves to change default settings, as described.

Elaine Harger seconds.

Motion carries unanimously.

Program Committee/Volunteerism